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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A  
PROTECTION PATH FOR CONNECTIONLESS  
SIGNALS IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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✓ In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments and amendments set forth below.